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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/131,941

) Examiner A. Psitos Art Unit 2654

Applicant: Ishii et al.

) Our Ref: B-3513 616664-2/AS

Filed: August 10, 1998

) Date: May 2, 2001

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Technology Center 260037 CFR 1.53(d) REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Request under 37 CFR 1.53 (d) for an application which is a Continuation of the above complete co-pending application 09/131,941 filed on August 10, 1998. This request is filed within the time allowed for response to the final rejection Official Action dated November 3, 2000 with a petition for a third month of extension of time, before payment of the Issue Fee, abandonment or termination of proceedings on the identified co-pending application. Also enclosed is a preliminary amendment for entry with the continued prosecution application.

The CPA names as inventors the same inventors named in the above prior application as of the filing date of this continued prosecution application. The title of the invention is indicated above. The correspondence address is indicated below.

The CPA is to utilize the file jacket and contents of the prior application, as set out in 37 CFR 1.53(d)(2)(iv). The prior application is to be abandoned as of the filing date of the CPA.

This request is accompanied by a check for the filing fee specified in 37 CFR 1.16(a) along with excess claims fees calculated as shown below.

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Total	15 - 20	= 0	X \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent	5 - 3	= 2	X \$80.00	\$160.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
			<b>BASIC FEE</b>	<b>\$710.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$870.00</b>

This request is accompanied by a petition for a suspension of action as authorized by 37 CFR 1.103(b) and the requisite fee of \$130.00.

The fee for a two month extension of time was provided in connection with the Response filed April 2, 2001, therefore a check for \$500.00 for the additional fee required for the third month of extension of time is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayments, and to charge any further fees required to ensure copendency of the preceding application, and to ensure grant of a filing date to the present application, to deposit account no. 12-0425.

I hereby certify pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited using the Express Mail Post Office to Addressee Service of the United States Post Office, Express Mail Certificate **ET242124046US** in an envelope addressed to: BOX CPA, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C., 20231-0001 on  
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Respectfully submitted,



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